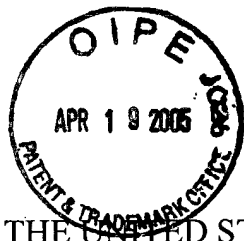


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In response to the Official Action dated October 20, 2004, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on January 20, 2005, and having been extended by three month to expire on April 20, 2005, by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.